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750 Main Street,
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January 13, 1930.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
12 Church Street,
Asheville, N.C.

My dear Mr. Masa:

I have your letter of January 3rd and shortly after received the photographs which you took on your trip south. As always, I am very much pleased with them, as they show exactly what I wanted to know about, and in consequence I want to make them a part of my collection.

Will you please let me know how much they cost and I shall be very glad to send you a check.

I was very much interested in a letter from Roy Ozmer about the meeting in Jonesboro on last Saturday and Sunday which I hope took place.

I hurried off to Paul Fink some letters from and to the Knoxville Club about the situation there which referred to an arrangement I proposed about the eastern route that Ozmer is so much interested in, and I hope my suggestion about the Asheville Club taking charge of it will be agreeable to everybody.

Perhaps you are not so much interested in the situation farther north in regard to the route through the Unaka Forest and across a part of Virginia to the Natural Bridge Forest, but I sent maps, etc. regarding this route to Mr. Fink and am glad to have you be informed about it any any rate.

Please give my kindest regards to Mr. Kephart if you see him, and say that I remember with pleasure my short acquaintance with him.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Perkins

AP:L

(Kephart Mass NCMC

Erwin, Tennesee,
Janurary, 19th. 1930.

Mr. George Massa,
Asheville, N. Carolina.

Dear George :-

I am attaching hereto some brief notes on the A-T trail conditions through Carolina. I am sorry that I am unable to make them more definite just at present, but maybe when I have completed my part of the work in that territory I will be able to be of some more help.

I have in this short paper, merely made some brief suggestions the feasibility of which will depend, of course, upon the membership of your organization. If you get things under way soon I feel sure that you can easily have the entire Carolina section marked during the coming summer. It will be perhaps well to have a pretty thoroughly worked out work-program ready when the Club is first organized. Thus the more vital things can be accomplished while the interest of the members is at white-heat.

In case there is any furhter data that I can supply you, or if the information given is not thorough enough, please feel entirely free to call upon me again. I will be more than delighted to be of any help I can whatever.

Trusting that I may be able to hear from you soon, and see you before very long, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

Roy

(Kephart) Massa NCMC with Massa from Roy [Ozmer]
1/19/1930

STATEMENT OF THE EXISTING

TRAIL CONDITIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

THE

APPALACHIAN TRAIL.

The latest decisions as reached at Jonesboro, Tenn., Conference, at which the followering were present:- Horace Kephart, Paul M. Fink. Geo. Massa, Jim Thompson and RR.Ozmer, were for the Appalachian Trail to enter North Carolina at Iron Mt. Gap, in the Unaka Mts., about ten miles Northeast of Big Unaka Mt.

It is proposed to route the trail from there southwestward along the crest of the Unakas to the Nolechucky River, about 15 miles, all of which will be along trails now constructed and maintained by the U.S. F.S.

South of the above river the Trail will continue along the esixting U.S. F. S. trails to the crest of "Big Bald" which is some 10 miles South of the Nolechucky. At this point it will be necessary to follow the old cattle trails that lead along the crest of the mountains to Devil's Fork Gap, at the head of the left, or West , fork of Buarel Riv., in Madison County. The distance here is about 14 miles. The existing trail s are fairly good, though not graded. The principal thing needed is to mark the section with the A-T markers and such other signs as needed.

From Devil's Fork Gap one will find excellent graded Forest Service Trails leading to Hot Springs, N.C. some 28 miles to the Southwest. This section has been marked for a protion of the distance with the A-T metal markers. This should bee completed as soon as possible.

From Hot Springs I, (R.R. Ozmer) scouted the trail by going up the Spring Creek road to Bluff Post Office. From that place I went to the crest of the ridge which divided N.C. from Tenn, to a point about 1 mile Northeast of the crest of Bluff Mt. Thence I followed the ridge top, along which there is no sign of any trail, to Lemon Gap. Mr. Geo. Massa has covered this section and has much valuable information on it. There is but about three miles of trail building needed from Bluff, N.C. to Lemon G.

From Lemon Gap there is a good wagon road to the crest of Max Patch Bald. Here accomadations may be had for the night.

From Max Ptach Bald I followed the crest of the main divide to Brown's Gap along a faily good cattle trail. From Brown's Gap to Low Gap, at the head of Groundhog Creek, the same conditions was found. The main thing needed here is the proper trail markers put up.

At Low Gap it will probably be best to leave the ridge-top and follow Groundhog Creek to the Big Pegion River, in order to view the marvelous Big Pegion Gorge. Almost the euqual of Nantahala ! Down the river from the mouth of Groundhog to Waterville there is a railroad grade that affords wonderful views of the gorge. The distance is about six miles.

From Waterville southward thru' the Smokies The Knoxville organization has agreed to maintain the A-T. at least as far as Siler's Bald.

(Ephart) Mesa NCMC With Mesa from Roy [Ozmer] 1/19/1930

From SILER'S BALD to Bushnell there is an excellent cattle trail along the crest ogf Forney Ridge and down Chamber's Creek. I placed a few A-T markers along this route, though not sufficient. This section should be marked at once.

One of the most needed thing at the present time is to located the most logical and interesting route from Bushnell to Wesser Creek, on State Route #1o. I followed the R.R. Grade but the trip that way is more or less tiresome. This route should be changed, if possible, and then marked properly.

A large sign should be placed at the junction of the Wesser Creek country road and Highway # 10, indicating the A-T. The route from that point to the crest of Wessr Blad should be carefully marker. From the point on Nighway # 10 southward to the Ga. Line, or at least to Standing Indian Mt. there already exists excellent F.S. Trails which need only markers. It is understood my the writer that plans are already under way to extend the F S. trails south to the crest of Tray Mt. in Ga. and when this one link is constructed one may ride horse-back from New Found Gap, in the center of the Smokies, to Jasper, Ga. (Mt. Oglethorpe) the southern terminus of the A-T . E.B. Stone, Ga. Forest Service, Gainesville Ga.. can give detailed data as to the trail conditions south of the Ga. Line, as all that region had been altered by the construction of Forest Service Trails since I scouted the section in May 1929.

In summary.... The only trail construction needed in N.C. is about three miles South west from Bluff Postoffice, to Lemon Gap. Part of this has fair trails at present, though the majority has none at all.

The entire Trail from Iron Mt. Gap, to Devil's Fork Gap is sadly in need of markers. A few markers are needed from that point to Hot Springs.

Probably the route I scouted from Hot Springs to Bluff Mt. could be greatly improved upon, though if it ids done several miles of trail-less country must needs be traversed. About fifteen miles, I believe.

It will require about seven days to mark the Trail from Iron Mt. to Hot Springs. This could be divided between ~~two~~ parties and one week-end trip for each would accomplish it. Another party, using only one week-end, could mark the route from Hot Springs to Waterville, though they would be obliged to follow the route I scouted, and not re-locate in thru' the section where there are no trails.

~~Two~~ days will suffice to mark the trail from Siler's Bald to Bushnell. One day for the section from Bushnell to Wesser Creek, and one day thence to Wesser Bald.

On the Nantahal Forest Trail it would probably be best to divide the work of placing markers between three parties. One strating from Tellico Gap and working to Wesser Bald. Another from Wayah Gap and woring to Tellico Gap and a third strating from Wayah Gap and woring to Standing Indian Mt.

From A. Perkins (Kephart) Masa
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750 Main Street,
Hartford, Conn.,
January 21, 1930.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville, N.C.

My dear Mr. Masa:

I have yours of January 16th and am very glad indeed to accept the prints you sent me of the southern end of the Trail.

They are exceedingly interesting and will make a valuable and important addition to my collection of photographs.

Mr. Kephart wrote me a long letter about the meeting in Jonesboro, and I am very glad that it went off so well for it is extremely important that we get a friendly cooperation between those interested on both sides of the mountains.

Mr. Fink also wrote me a long letter which I have not had time to examine carefully, but he included a letter from Mr. Broadbent, supervisor of the Unaka Forest, in which he says that approximately 350 miles of trails are already available in that Forest and that only a few miles remain to be completed, which he proposes to do as soon as money is available.

It seems to me that this fact ought to decide definitely the location of the Trail in this neighborhood.

I hope you will be able to get the Asheville Hiking Club organized before long and get in touch with the Knoxville Club.

As this region is by far the most interesting on the whole Trail and has the finest mountains in it, it seems to me that there is quite room enough for two trails at the southern end, - one down the State line through the Smokies which the Knoxville

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NCMC

Club is willing to take over and which would continue beyond the Little Tennessee River into the western division of the Cherokee Forest where the Supervisor, Mr. Smith, is very enthusiastic and will do all he can to promote it; this end of the Trail to terminate at Cohutta Mountain within the purchase area of that Forest.

The other part of the Trail, and I think that they both ought to be regarded as parts of the main Trail, would be the one down Forney Ridge and thence through Nantahala and the eastern division of the Cherokee Forests to Mt. Oglethorpe, which will be taken care of by the forest supervisors and the Tate Mountain Estates.

I think it will be a good idea if this part was assigned to the new Asheville Club, as it will be more acceptable to that Club, and you may perhaps agree with the Knoxville Club as to certain parts of the Trail to the north.

I shall be very much interested to see your map of the National Park when you have it completed.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Perkins.

AP:L

(Kephart) Masa NCMC From. M.H. Avery

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February 6, 1930.

Dear Mr. Masa:

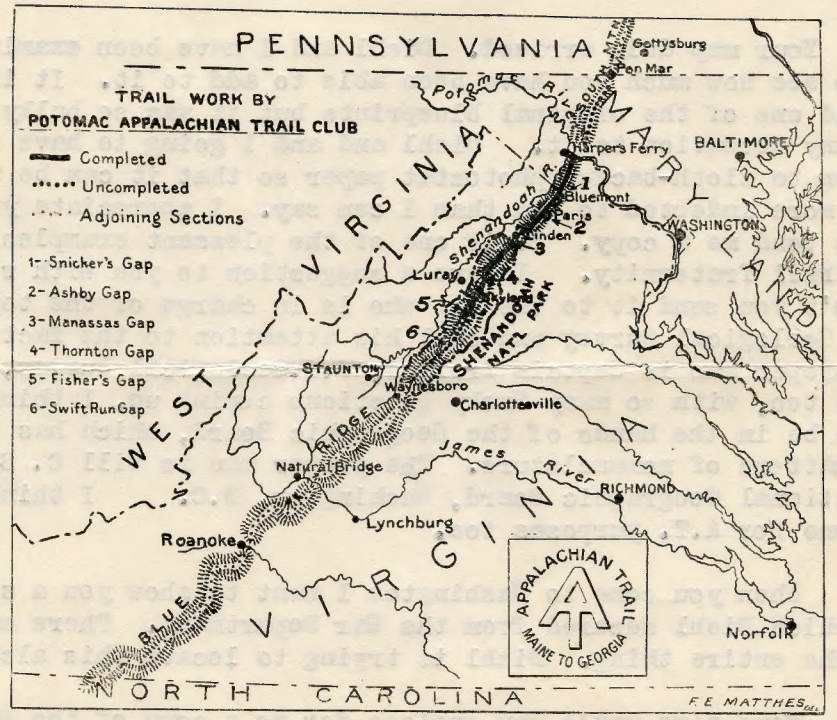
Your map duly arrived. Diehl and I have been examining it and we are amazed to see how much you have been able to add to it. It is very clear. I had one of the original blueprints but it was so bulky that I seldom paid any attention to it. Diehl and and I going to have this photostated on to cloth-backed photostat paper so that it can be used in the field. I am more indebted to you than I can say. I appreciate your having me in mind to send me a copy. It is one of the pleasant examples of the Appalachian Trail fraternity. I have a suggestion to you with respect to the map. Why don't you send it to the man who is in charge of the topographic work for the Geological Survey and call his attention to the fact that names are added. The proper man is Captain Ireland, U.S.Geological Survey, Washington, D.C. Then, too, with so many Smoky questions coming up, I think that a copy ought to be in the hands of the Geographic Board, which has the final decision on matters of nomenclature. The proper man is Will C. Barnes, Secretary, National Geographic Board, Washington, D.C. I think Judge Perkins should have one for A.T. purposes too.

When you come to Washington I want to show you a set of aerial photographs which Diehl secured from the War Department. There was an aerial map made of the entire thing. Diehl is trying to locate this also.

Some time would you enclose for me a copy of the Postcard of Mt. Pisgah-number 211, I think. A visitor to Asheville showed it to me and it struck my fancy.

Diehl and I went to the Park ceremony. If Mr. Kephart was there, we didn't see him.

You might be interested in the enclosed copy of a Smoky Bibliography. It is in, however, very poor shape. If you are interested in the history be sure to see Arthur's History of Western North Carolina which has so many place names in it. You have probably seen the Guyot journal and map which Roy has and some of his other material. I find this journal of tremendous interest and a clear account of the main mountain system for a period when so few maps were available. Many of the peaks owe their name to Guyot and the map locates so many of the names, see Mason's book, which had been in doubt. Guyot's elevation were only 15 to 28 feet off-remarkable. I think I sent you a copy of the news release giving the final figures.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Paul tells me that you and Mr. Kephart and Paul are thinking of coming to the Skyland conference. We are counting on all of you. This is our reason for bringing the Conference to Skyland--the hope that we could get delegates from the south. We want all the people who were at the Jonesboro conference and I hope you will keep after them and see that they get to the Conference.

I shall go to Galveston the last of the month or the first of March. I expect to stop off in Jonesboro on my way back up for a day. I told Paul that I wanted to go up on Roan which he calls the best single mountain in the south.

Sincerely yours,
M.H.Avery
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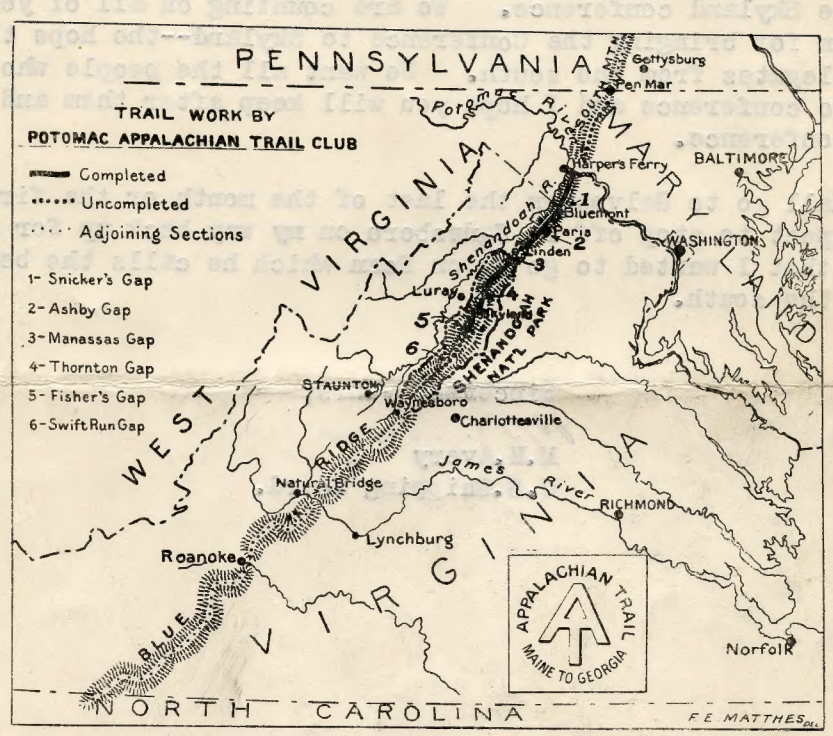
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Mr. George Masa,
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12 Church St.,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Our friend, Paul Fink showed me a blue print of the North Carolina side of the Park that gave a good many names of the mountains, streams, etc. and Paul thought that you could get a copy for me. If you can do this I will greatly appreciate it and if there is any cost will, of course, take care of that.

Trusting I can reciprocate your kindness, I am with best wishes,

Yours very truly,

JIM THOMPSON COMPANY.

Jim Thompson

JET/JJ

Savannah Ga,
Feb 14, 1930

Dear Mr. Mara:

Your letter of Feb 11th was forwarded to me here. I am extremely pleased to have these views as these are all of a region I have never seen. Particularly Roan and Mt Mitchell.

I shall be sure to keep you advised of my movements when I go South and I hope it will be possible for us to meet. Shall try very hard to arrange it and to insure it I am sending a copy of your letter to Dr Sul.

I am afraid that I shall have missed Mr Kephart when I return. I hope to make up for this loss of opportunity when I come South.

No 11 is the photo of Sugar which I wanted. I am very much taken by its shape.

I went to see the magnolia and middleton Place Gardens at Charleston. Do you know of them?

The Camellia japonica was in bloom -
over 200 varieties. Only a few
azaleas.

Shall be much interested
to know how your color photo
experiments turn out.

That you will be at the
Skyland Conference is very good news
indeed. We are counting on you
to help round up a goodly
representation.

Sincerely yours

Jos A Avery

We have added
your name to our Club
mailing list.
Regretted to read
of his visit I returned
from Savannah

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON

February 14,1930.

Mr.George Masa,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear Sir,

The map you so kindly sent me is to me very interesting,and will be of much value in connection with the further prosecution of our work in the Park area. For this I thank you very much.

Very truly,

E.I.Ireland

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Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville, N.C.

My dear Mr. Masa:

I have been very much delayed answering your letter of February 2nd and acknowledging receipt of the map of the North Carolina part of the Smoky Mountain Park which you sent me during my absence.

I am very much obliged for this copy of the map and for the information in your letter of that date.

In the meantime Mr. Kephart has suggested a change in the route of the Trail at the southern end which I think will probably compromise objections on all sides to two routes at the southern end, and as I know you are in quite close touch with him, I presume you know what his plan is.

I am sending a copy of his letter to various people that I think would be interested, and I hope his plan will finally be adopted so as to avoid friction.

I am glad to know that there is a prospect of getting the Hiking Club in Asheville started for the more of this sort of thing that we can do, the better I like it.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Perkins.

AP:L

I find I have an extra copy of his letter, which I am enclosing.

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March 11, 1930.

Mr. George Masa,
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P.O. Box 1281,
Asheville, N.C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Your letter of March 8th to Mr. Avery has been turned over to me for attention.

I enclose a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws as originally drafted, with changes therein prior to adoption and amendments adopted at the last annual meeting of the Club.

We are glad to note the imposing list of prominent people who are interested in the organization of your Club. If we can be of any help to you in getting your organization started, we trust that you will feel free to call upon us.

It has been our aim in developing our organization to get as many of the members at work as possible. This tends to increase interest and to lighten the burdens which would otherwise fall on two or three guiding spirits.

I also enclose a few copies of our Manual on Trail Construction and Maintenance which we hope you will find useful.

Yours very truly,

H. C. Anderson

Secretary

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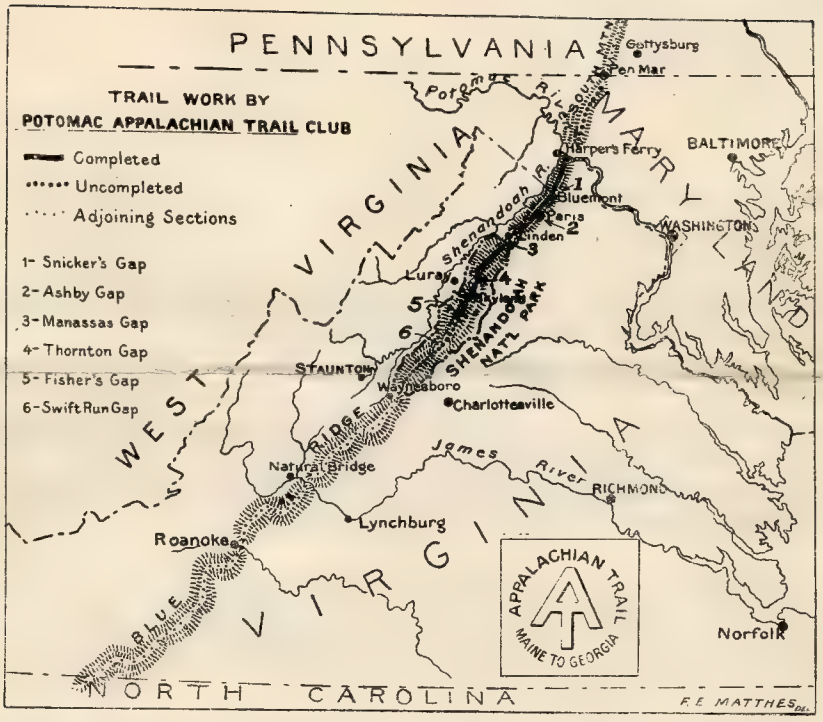
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PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

March 11th, 1930.

Dear George,

I should have thanked you for the pirtures, etc., long before this, but as usual have been having my hands so full that I have let such things as letter writing go by. You may be sure that you suggestion of throwing those pictures in the waste basket will not be carried out. They go right into my collection of mountain scenes, where they should be. Last Thursday I had the pleasure of showing them to A. B. Cammerer, and next Friday I take them, with some others, to Greeneville, where I am to speak on the Smokies before one of the luncheon clubs. Some orator, that's me.

The most accurate of all the maps I have seems to be that of the N. C. Park Commission, though it doesn't go far enough into Tennessee to help much in that section. The sketch you and I agreed upon is my own way of thinking, though as it has been nearly ten years since I visited Guyot I may have forgotten some of the datails. But plainly in my mind is the view across the gorge to Guyot, then passing around the end of Balsam before climbing it. There can be no doubt as to that part of it. I'm afraid we are going to have to wait until the Geological Survey finishes its work before we can get the whole thing straightened out.

The rock you found in Porter's Gap is the one Diehl and I saw there in 1919, and Andy Gregory-- the man Roy saw in Cades Cove-- also saw in several years ago. You are exactly right in keepingnit for the National Park Service, for it will be an interesting exhibit for the museum which they will undoubtedly establish, as they have in many of the other parks.

I have a copy of the Davenport notes, and have noted how few of the peaks he names. One thing about those notes which always amuses me is the way they were lost after passing Mt. Collins. We can't blame him at that, for whom among us ridge runners hasn't been lost along the top of Smoky.

Some of the members of the Smoky Mts. Hiking Club are getting hot about naming a mountain for Col. Chapman., I'm doing all I can to prevent it, but can't tell yet how it will come out.

There certainly ought to be anough people in Asheville interested in the mountains to enable you to get

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a club started without much trouble, and there shouldn't be any necessity of having a paid secretary. Neither the Knoxville club of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club has one, and both those bodies seem to be getting somewhere. Just get about half a dozen willing workers thoroughly interested, and the thing will almost run itself.

I'm enclosing a copy of my identification of the list of Smoky's peaks left by Prof. Guyot. I believe this is almost 100 % perfect. Until I took it in hand I don't believe it had ever been done, except in part. I sent Kep a copy a few days ago. He has reported some interesting findings in some maps in Washington during his visit there.

Sincerely,

Paul.

March 14, 1930.

Mr. Paul M. Fink,
Jonesboro,
Tennessee.

Dear Paul:

We are busy working on the program for the Trail Conference. As you know we are going to make a particular effort to secure a wide-spread representation, particularly from the South. Responses to date are very favorable. We are counting on yourself, Kephart, Ivan and Avery as already signed up.

I am enclosing a mimeographed summary of our tentative plans for the Conference. What I would like to ask you to do is to let me know, as soon as you conveniently can, how to arrange these reports. We want a report which would take from five to ten minutes (in written form for publicity use) on the various sections south of us. I wanted to ask if you could check up on the people who would be coming up from Tennessee and let us know who would report on the various sections. For instance, you might be covering the section from the south end of the Unaka Forest south to the French Broad. The Asheville group would come in somewhere and then there would be a report on the Smokies by someone else. I suppose that Roy could cover whatever route is selected from the Smokies south to the Georgia line. H. B. Stone has written an article on the Appalachian Trail in Georgia for the next issue of Mountain Magazine and we shall try to get him here. We are also endeavoring to get the Forest Service to have the supervisors of the Natural Bridge, Unaka and Cherokee Forest sent to the Conference.

Of course Kephart will be one of the big attractions of the Conference and it was my thought that we could have something from him on the order of a feature address either along the line of his books on camp craft or on the subject of our Southern Highlanders. What would you advise?

Another thing which we feel would be of much interest would be to have Roy tell about his experiences in hiking the Appalachian Trail. This would be a matter of about an hour on the evening program.

Of course you could report yourself for the Smoky Hiking Club or I had thought you might cover the area north. We are very anxious to have one or more delegates from this Club outside of yourself. I had hoped either Messrs. Campbell, Roth or Hunt could attend.

Myron H. Avery, USSB
Link from Avery
3/14/1930

I am pressed at the present time and inasmuch as a letter to Owner, Mann and Campbell would be very much the same as this letter, I am sending copies to each of them, thinking that you fellows could talk this thing over and within a week or ten days let me know who expect to be present and tell me who would report on conditions in the various sections. I had thought that I might get south in sufficient time to talk this all over with you but it seems that we will have to do so by correspondence. I hope that it will not be too much trouble to get in touch with the people to whom I have referred and work this thing out for us.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
United States Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Paul:

The Coast & Geodetic Survey is mailing you a large print of the Guyot map. It is much superior to the other photograph which I had as all of the names are very legible. The Geographic Board lost the negative of the other enlargement and asked the Coast & Geodetic Survey to make the new negative to replace the old one. Hence the new photos. I have had mailed a photo to Mason, Kephart, Ozmer, Diehl, Campell, Matthes (Johnson City, N. C.), Cammerer and Nasa.

I do not know what to do with the negative. It occurred to me that some of the people in Tennessee might want to procure some additional prints and the best thing I could do would be to send it down there. You know that the cost of the old negative was defrayed by Mason, yourself and by me. So that I suppose the new negative is sort of a joint ownership. As I am a full fledged member of the Smoky Mountain Hiking Club, I am waiving my claims in favor of the Tennesseeans. I am sending it to you so that it can be used by any one who wishes to make use of it. Perhaps it should ultimately be deposited either in the archives of the Hiking Club or Lawson-McGhee Library.

I expect to know within a week or so when I will go to Galveston. I am sending a copy of this letter to Messrs. Mason, Ozmer and Nasa.

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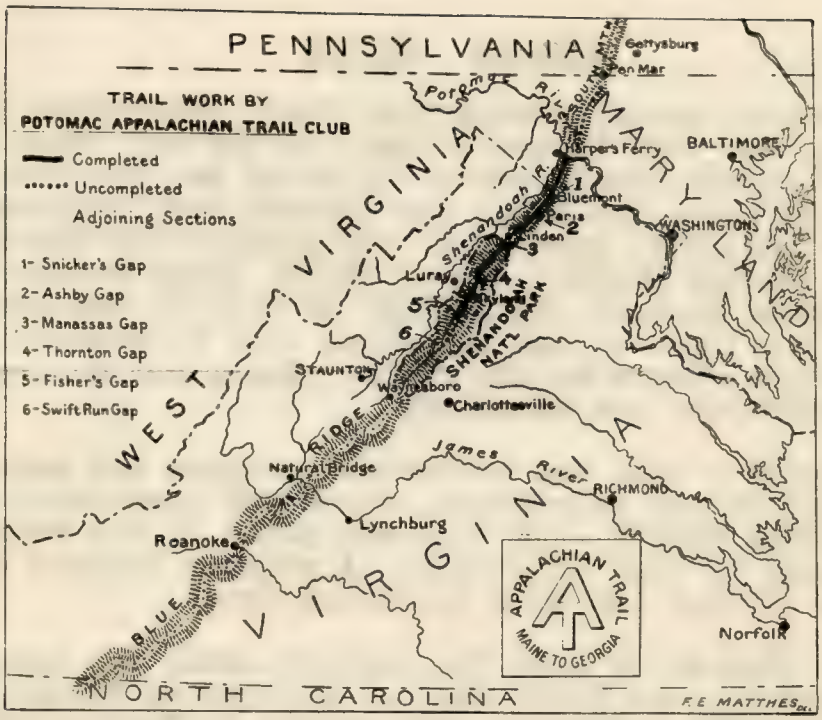
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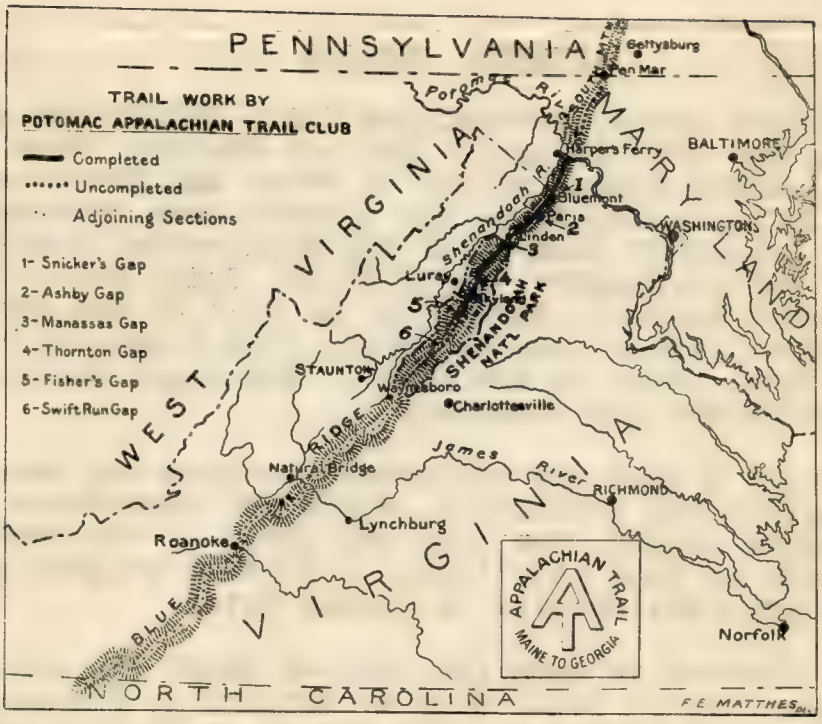
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March 17, 1930.

Mr. Horace Kephart,
Bryson City,
North Carolina.

My dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. M. H. Avery, Admiralty Attorney, United States Shipping Board, I am sending you herewith a photographic copy of a section of Guyot's map of 1861 showing the Great Smoky Mountains, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

R. S. Patton

Director.

Inclosure.

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March 21, 1930.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I want to tell you that the two copies of the March, 1930 Edition of the map arrived. I gave one set to Diehl, who like myself was very appreciative of your thoughtfulness in remembering to send us a copy of the last edition.

I have not as yet had time to examine it fully for the changes made on the first issue but I shall do so on the trip south. I am leaving here today and shall wire Paul when I leave Galveston. I am looking forward to meeting you, Kephart and Ozmer.

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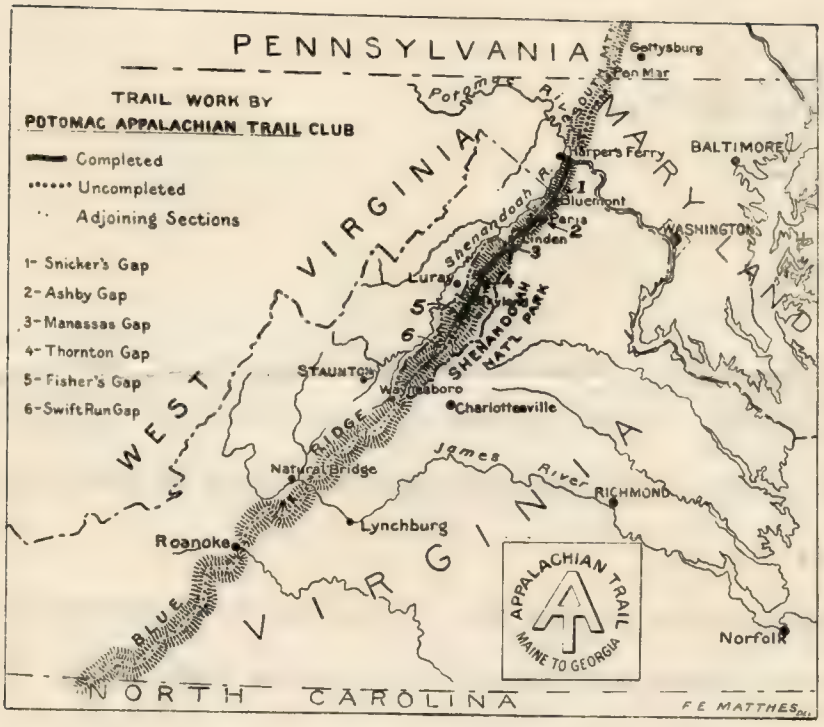
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Mr. George Masa,
12 Church Street,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

It was quite a sensation to hear from you with your letter of March 17.

It seems that everybody has been telling me about your fine spirit and your helpfulness and love of the outdoors, but when it came to meeting you the Fates have been against me. I hope to remedy this the next time I come to Asheville, and by all means if you hear I am in town, look me up. I have admired your photographic work very much, and wondered what the photograph represented that you sent the other day. I see now by your letter that it was a rock with some historic significance. I realize how careful you were in your attempts to protect it, but I think the best thing we can do after the park is established is to get a horse and have it taken back to about the place where you found it. Don't you think so? It probably has some historic significance, which Mr. Kephart seems to verify. Left on the spot where it was found, or near where it was found, it would form a mighty interesting exhibit. We might have to protect it a little bit better. We had better discuss this when we meet, and I am particularly anxious to have Mr. Kephart's opinion as to its value from a historic standpoint.

I have taken the liberty of calling you George, since all your friends call you by that name, and I want to be numbered among them.

With kindest personal regards, and with many thanks for your most interesting letter, believe me

Most sincerely yours,

Arno B. Cammerer

Associate Director.

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PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

March 24th, 1930.

Dear George,

Today I have a letter from Avery, saying that he plans to be here next Saturday and Sunday, and that he hopes to see Roan Mt., even though it is being logged. All this upsets my plans, the ones of which Roy told you when passing through Asheville. Here is another way we might do it.

Saturday evening we all meet at Bakersville, you coming from Asheville--- I think you said you hoped to bring Kep with you-- and we- Avery, Roy and Hodge M.thes if I can get him-- coming from here. Then early Sunday morning we get started for the top, driving as close as practical and going the rest of the way on foot. Spend as long as possible on top, starting back so that we can reach here in time for Avery to catch his train--6:30 P. M.

That ought to make a very satisfactory trip, letting him see what he wants, and giving us a chance to talk a lot of things over. The party should be a very congenial one.

This plan of course is not final, as it depends on when he can get here. He is to wire me from Galveston and then I can get in touch with you by phone. In case he can be here only a day we had better try the trip to Big Bald, of which I know Roy told you. That is so much nearer here that we can make it in the shorter time. I'm sending a copy of this letter to Roy so he can know what to plan.

Avery sent me a copy of the Guyot map also, a much clearer picture than the one made last summer. Like a lot of other people I could name, Guyot was lost a time or so in Smoky, and then got his data mixed up, for his list of peaks, given in some of his published articles, does not agree entirely with his map. The map, however, was not drawn by Guyot himself, but by his nephew, A. Sandoz, and this fact may account for some of the discfepancies. You knew, did you not, that Guyot was lost in the eastern end of Smoky, and seems to have gotten on the Mt. Sterling lead and followed that to Balsam and thence to Smoky, thinking that he was on the State line all the time?

Now about some work I have for you. Avery sent me the negative of this map, which is later to be given to

(England) Mana MCMC Mana from Fink 3/24/1936

PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

the Lawson McGhee Library in Knoxville, where it will be kept, though we will always have the right to use it. Before it goes there I want you to make me three prints from it. If you want any extras for yourself go right ahead.

I am sending this negative by insured mail, and with it is another document I wish photographed. This is the original warrant issued in 1802 for Russell Bean, the first white child born in what is now Tennessee. Bean was somewhat of an outlaw and desperado, as you can see by the warrant, and is know to have fallen afoul of the law many times. I'd like you to photograph this warrant as plainly as possible, and make me six prints. Take good care of it, please, for it doesn't belong to me, and I had to talk a long time to get it to be photo-ed.

I'll call you by phone when I hear from Avery, and then I'll be seeing you at the week end.

Sincerely,

Paul

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Mr. George Masa,
12 Church Street,
Asheville, N.C.

My dear Mr. Masa:

I was glad to read your letter of March 18th and to see the new map of the N.C. part of the Smoky Mountain Park.

Every map that I get from you seems to be more detailed and it is very satisfactory to have such information on file.

As to the new route for the main trail which terminates at Mt. Oglethorpe, I am glad to say that I have a letter from the Knoxville Club saying that this route will be entirely satisfactory to them so now we can regard what looked like a rather difficult matter, as entirely settled.

With this question out of the way, the only remaining question is the route of the Trail between southern end of the Natural Bridge National Forest and some point in the Unaka National Forest. Personally I am in favor of going across from one to the other on the shortest possible route, not taking the southern route as at first suggested, although this does leave out Grandfather Mountain which it would be desirable to include if we could. My idea is to get as much of the Trail in these National Forests because we have the Forest authorities in our favor who will do all they can towards building and maintaining the Trail.

I am afraid I shall not be able to make a trip to the South before the annual meeting at Skyland the last of May, but I certainly hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you at that time.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Perkins

AP:L

(Kephart) Masa NCMC

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON

March 27,1930.

Mr.George Masa,
Asheville,N.C.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased at the interest you manifest in the Great Mountains it so delights me to call my own. They are mine because I have seen much of them, have learned some thing about them, and love them.

Some day we will be able to present you a map, correct in its positions, thanks to the most excellent work of our own control men; a map true to form and accurate in detail, thanks to the painstaking labor of our topographic force, a map correctly described with names, thanks to you, to Mr. Fink, Mr Kephart, and many others, who are so splendidly assisting us in this matter.

I wish we could devote more of our time to this most fascinating work, and so the sooner have ready a project that will be so useful, and so much appreciated by many whom it would delight me to serve.

Sincerely,

E.I.Ireland

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POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
Application for Membership

Mr H. C. Anderson, Secretary,
Metropolitan Bank Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

I am in sympathy with the objects of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, as set forth in Article I of the Constitution as printed on the back hereof.

I will cooperate in the activities of the Club to the extent of my ability and enclose herewith

$2.00 } as fee for { active membership.
$5.00 } { contributing membership.

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The name of this organization shall be the POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB. Its objects shall be to open, develop, extend and maintain trails for walkers, mountain climbers and nature students in wooded and mountain regions accessible from Washington, D. C., more particularly a trail along the crest-line of the mountains of Maryland and Virginia to be a section of the Appalachian Trail which is to extend from Maine to Tennessee and Georgia, to construct and maintain camp sites, open shelters and permanent camps along the Appalachian Trail, to collect data of interest to users of the Trail concerning scenery, history, geology, botany, forestry, and wild life of the Blue Ridge Mountains; to prepare maps, guide-books and camping data to encourage the use by organizations and individuals of the trails constructed and maintained by the Club, to educate the public in proper camping methods and forest fire prevention, and to foster public appreciation and use of the Shenandoah National Park.

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March 28, 1930

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville, N.C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Mr. Avery asked me to send you some of the P'A.T.C. Application Blanks as a sample of the form we use. I hope that my delay in doing this has not inconvienced you any.

You no doubt received our last Bulletin and noted that the Photographic meeting took place March 25. It was an interesting meeting at which Mr. Cammerer of the Forest Service showed many slides of the Great Smokies. I was sorry that Mr. Avery had to miss this meeting, being on a trip to Texas.

I hope that you will be able to form a good club in your district. Our young club has grown to about 200 now, and it predicted that we will number 1000 before many years.

Wishing you a lot of good luck in this splendid undertaking, and hoping that I may meet you at the Trail Conference in May, I am

Very truly yours,

Kathryn Fulkerson

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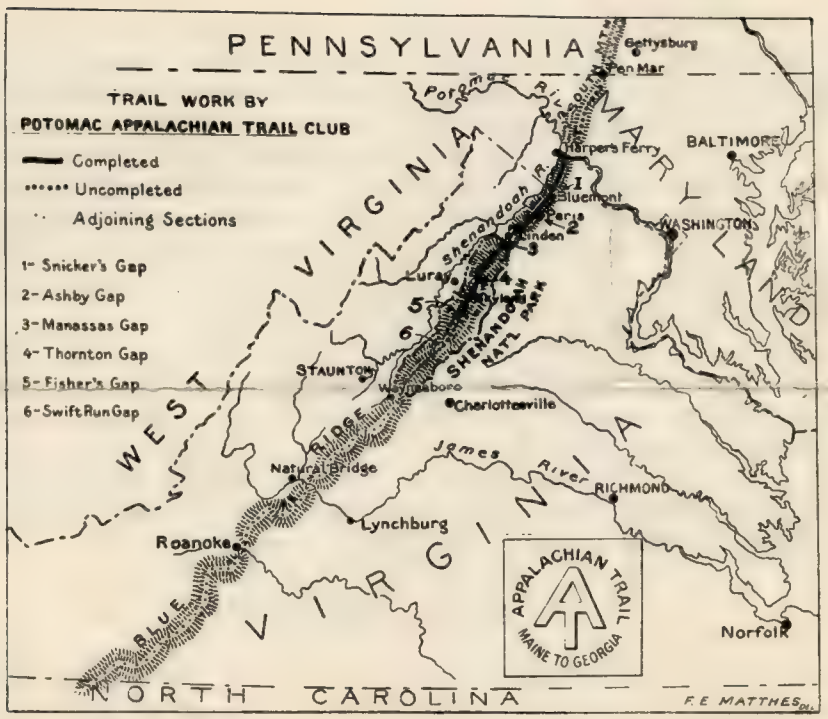
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Gainesville, Ga.
March 29, 1930.

Office of
Assistant State Forester.

F. S
A-T.

Mr. Harold Allen,
612 19th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Your letter of March 24th, together with advance notice of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference is received and much appreciated. The plans for this meeting should make it a very interesting one and should do much to stimulate interest in the Trail here in the South, and it comes at a very oppertune time. I expect to attend.

I will be glad of an opportunity to talk on the southern section of the Trai and your offer to accord me a place on the program is greatly appreciated. I would like to confine my talk to the Georgia Division and it can be called "The Appalachian Trail in Georgia. The Southermost Section of the Highland Route through the Appalachian Mountains."

I hope to have a set of colored lantern slides showing points along the trail which should be of interest.

It is possible that I will be able to interest some others in attending the conference and will send you a list of persons who might attend.

Thanking you for your kind invitation,
I am,
Very cordially yours,

Sgd- E. B. Stone,
Assistant State Forester.

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(Kephart) Mssa MCMC

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March 29, 1930.

Mr. Horace Kephart,
Bryson City,
North Carolina.

My dear Mr. Kephart:

Since the preparation of the enclosed notice, a copy of which has already been mailed to you, Mr. Albright, Director of the National Park Service, Mr. Cammerer, Assistant Director, Maj. Stuart, Chief Forester of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Kircher, Forest Supervisor for the eastern United States, and supervisors of two National Forests through which the Appalachian Trail runs have accepted invitations to the Conference and are on the program. Several state forestry representatives will also attend.

An unusually large and successful Conference seems to be assured. The mountain laurel and wild azalea will be in bloom at Skyland and to those who have not seen this portion of the Appalachians, a rare treat is in store.

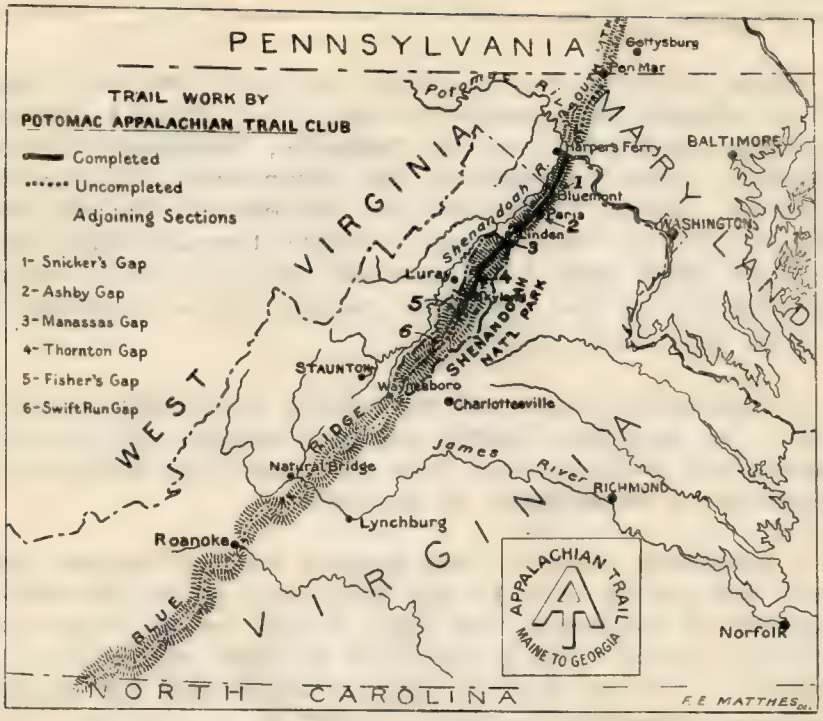
A prominent place on the program has, of course, been reserved for you to talk to the delegates on our Southern Highlanders on campcraft for trail hiking or any other pertinent subject you choose. We should like to know your subject in order to feature it in the printed program which will be issued well in advance of the Conference, and will be glad if you will kindly advise us at your convenience.

Many of the delegates, as well as members of our own Club look forward with pleasure to meeting and hearing you at Skyland.

Very truly yours,

Harold Allen

Chairman, Program Committee,
612 Nineteenth St., Washington, D.C.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HIGHLANDS, N. C.

April 1st, 1930

Mr. Geo. Masa
Asheville Photo Service
12 Church Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear George:-

Sorry I could not raise the cash. Hope evrey thing has turned out to suit you by now.

Miss Margaret Harry of Walhalla, S. C. has took Noos of about $50.00 worth of our pictures and I asked her to order direct from you, please fill any order that she might want and send direct to her, she is good for any thing she wants.

We are planning to run over some week end soon.

Yours,

Frank

(Kephart) mssa NCHC

PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

April 3rd, 1930.

Dear George,

Sunday the whole party took a vote of regret that you were not able to be withus on the Roan, for it was a most pleasant meeting-- Avery, Roy, Hodge Mathes and myself. Saturday we talked of one thing and another until way into the night, and Sunday drove to the very top of the Roan. The weather was a little hazy, but at that Avery saw a million mountains. He seemed to be delighted with his trip to the top of a bald.

The road to the top of Roan is a private one, and an outsider can use it only on Sunday and then by permission from Mr. Sisk, of Bakersville . A little rough in places, and part of the way on a long plank bridge, one-way the whole distance, it isn't so very bad, and my car took us to the top without trouble, except that a time or two the others had to get out and push when we struck deep snow . What's a little thing like that, though.

I haven't heard direct from any of the gang, but newspaper accounts say that the Knoxville Hiking Club has agreed to Kep's route for the Appalachian Trail to Gregory Bald and then down to join Roy's route. That compromise will avoid any chance for a squabble and consequent lack of co-operation.

The Appalachian Mountain Club of Boston has asked me to write thema little article on the trails of the Smokies, and I am wanting a couple of pictures to use as illustrations. I waonder if you could let me have a copy of your No. O-4678, Charlie's Bunion and the Jump-off from Collins, and also one of Clingman Dome. I know you have a number of these last, but I can't give data on whihc one is best, so I leave that to your judgement. If these are copy-righted they will require permisssion for reproduction. I'd be glad to have them, with bill attached, within the next ten days, as they want the stuff in Boston by the 15th.

With best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Paul

(Kephart) Mass NCMC

PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

April 12th, 1930.

Dear George,

Early in the month I wr te you about a number of things. One paragrahp of the letter was:

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The article is ready to be forwarded, and if you can let the pictures come by returnmail I can send all the dope off together. If the copies of Guyot's map are ready let themcom too, with the negative, for Mason has a part interest in that, and he is pawing the earth to get to use it.

With best wishes, I am,

Hurriedly,

Paul

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April 30, 1930.

Mr. Horace Kephart,
Bryson City,
North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Kephart:

I tried to procure from the War Department a photostatic copy of the maps of the Cherokee Territory by H. Deaver and F. Harry but the Department considered the maps too large to make a photostatic copy for unofficial use. This is quite true for the maps are about seven feet square. They cover an extensive range of territory and acting on the supposition you were interested in the portions of the map which related to the Smokies I arranged to have photostatic sheets made of the section of the map which included the Smokies. There are some things in these sections which might be of considerable interest to you. If you wish to do so, we could have the whole map photostated in sections. Each section would cost 35¢ and I think that at the most a half dozen sections would cover each map.

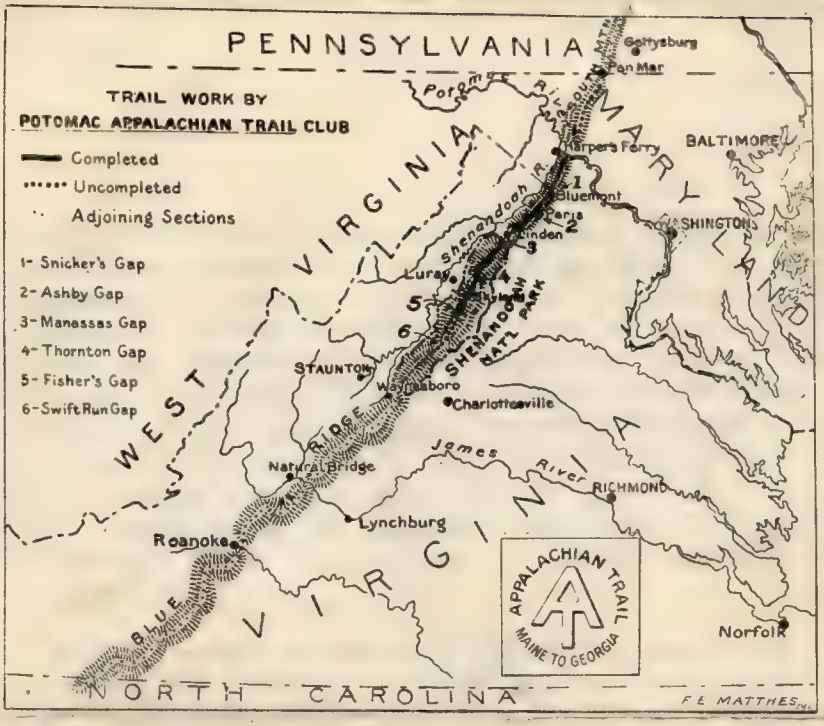
Due to the community interest in these matters, I have taken the liberty of mailing the photostats to you by way of Paul. He has sent me copies of some very interesting matter, particularly the early North Carolina Statutes, which you secured for him and I had thought that you would want him to know of these maps.

Please let me know if there is anything more that I can do in this connection.

Sincerely,

M. H. Avery

Myron H. Avery,
United States Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.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PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

May 2nd,,1930.

Dear Kep,

First thing, accpet my thanks for sending the copies of the N. C. Records. Having them will help me greatly in some publicity work I am doing for our Sesqui-Centennial. When I can reciprocate please call on me.

Did you ever read Timberlakes's Memiors, of a visit to the Cherokee in 1756? And the journals of the two Michaux, in their travels in the "Western C untry." I have all these, and they are at your disposal any time you desire.

Avery sends some photostats of some interesting maps of the Cherokee country for me to see before sending them on to you. That boy is certainly an indefatiguable searcher after facts, isn't he? He is a most likable chap, and I know you two will get along famously when you meet at Skyland the last of the month.

It is no ways certain that I will be able to be there, though the gang is insisting, and the Smoky Mts. Hiking Club has appointed me, with Jim Thompson, to represent it. If I see I can satisfactorily arrange it Hodge Mathes and I will very probably drive up. It should be a most interesting as well as enjoyable meeting, I know a great many who will be there, and have found them great fellows.

Sincerely,

Paul

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Jonesboro, Tenn.

May 9th, 1930

Dear George,

I wonder if you can send me the prints of the old warrant I sent you for copying, for I have need of them now in some publicity work for our celebration. Also the owner of the document is getting a little restive over it's long absence. I don't own it, you know, just borrowed it. And if you have the paper for the prints of the Guyot map let them come along, too.

Things are beginning to look a little brighter for me to get to go to Skylands the end of the month, and I'd say there was now a 50-50 chance that I'd be on hands. Over my protest Avery and Allen have put me on the program for a little talk, but whether I'll do that is something else. They want Roy to make one, also.

Be sure to send me a bill for the prints you sent to illustrate my article for "Appalachia." I get nothing for the article, but that's no reason why I should call on my friends to help illustrate it, gratis. The Boston people spoke highly of the pictures. I used two of yours and two of Jim Thompson's.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Paul

(Kephart) (Avery Allen)

PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

May 26th, 1930.

Dear George,

Your letter just came in on the noon train, and I'll put out a note in answer for your guidance.

Here at he very last I find that it going to be impossible for me to get to Skyland. I told Avery and Harold Allen both that at the beginning, but they wouldn't believe me and put me on the program anyway. Then for a while I thought I could go, and made some arrangements to that effect, but now again find I can't. Too bad, but it can't be helped. Here's hoping that you and Kep will have a most enjoyable trip. I know a great many of the men who will be there, and an certain you will find them the most pleasant of companions.

I don't know who from Knoxville beside Jim Thompson will be present. Last week I saw Dr. Jennison, President of the Hiking Club, but he didn't know exactly who was going.

The pictures, etc., came through in the best of shape, and I have distributed them to various persons. Let a bill come on, too, and I'll put out a check. I enjoyed the airplane pictures of Waterrock Knob, etc., very much. That was a darn sight easier method of seeing that country than the one I took. By air is a fine way of seeing the mountains, isn't it? Still, a fellow doesn't get the kick out of it that comes from using his feet.

Last week I spent a couple of days on Le Conte with Horace Albright, Director of the National Park Service. He is one of the nicest fellows I ever met. You will get the chance to see him at Skyland.

Will write again one of these days. I'm rushed to death these days. Give my best regards to Kep.

Sincerely,

Paul

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July 10, 1930.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
P. O. Box 1281,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I was very pleased to have your letter of June 30, 1930 for I had begun to wonder what had happened to you.

As you know I expect to have a trip with Fink and Diehl in the Smokies sometime during the first part of August and I hope that I may see you then.

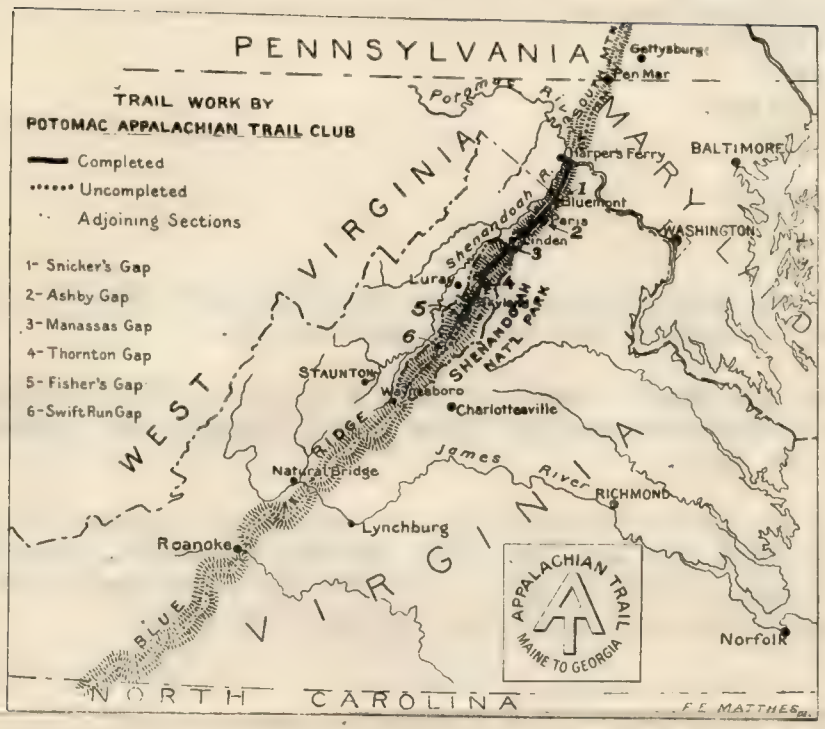
I was much interested in the newspaper clipping and the pictures which you send me. They are all very fine, particularly the one of Sunset at Indian Gap. I do feel that you should let me pay for these and I wish you would tell me what they cost.

Lt. Diehl is greatly interested in your photo of Guyot, which shows the topography of the mountain.

Mrs. Avery enjoyed the postcards of the flowers and wants to be remembered to you.

Sincerely yours,

Myron H. Avery,
United States Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.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Personal

August 12, 1930.

Mr. George Masa,
Photographer,
12 Church Street,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

Through Verne Rhoades of the North Carolina Park Commission, and doubtless at your thoughtful suggestion, I today received from him several sets of four colored postal cards showing scenes in the Lake Lure section of North Carolina, particularly of Mount Mitchell, a laurel in bloom and a flame azalea in bloom. These are gorgeous, George, and almost are stereoscopic in effect, so well are they done. They are about the finest examples of colored post cards I have seen, and are a tribute to your photography and coloring. I wish you would get out a similar set of the Smokies, showing scenes throughout the hills, because there would be a tremendous demand for them, and they are of such excellence that I would be glad to indorse them. I think that any person would gladly give 5 or 10 cents for one of these rather than the indifferent ones one gets for a penny each. After the park is running full tilt, there should be a tremendous demand for such as these, to be sold locally.

I wish you would send me two more complete sets of such as are flower scenes, and scenes within the Smoky area, with bill attached, please. It will be a favor to me to get such artistic ones as these.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Arno B. Cammerer

Acting Director.

(Kyhart) Masa HCMC

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Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company, Inc.,
14 Church Street,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

Thank you for sending me the postal cards with your most appreciated letter of August 14.

I am hoping you will make it a point to get some of these postcards within the Great Smokies area, except it would be fine if you could get them made by an American firm.

Sincerely yours,

Arno B. Cammerer

Acting Director.

(Kephart:) Mass name (Second page dated 9/7/1930)

PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

Sept. 4th, 1930.

Dear George,

For some time I have been intending writing you,, to thank you for the pictures, maps, etc., to tell you one thing and another and all that kind of thing, but just have kept putting it off from day to day. That's a little habit I have with my correspondence, not a nice one, either, but it exists just the same.

I certainly would like to have a copy of the Champion map, to check up on all the others with. This, I believe, is the one you showed me one time when you stopped by in passing through Jonesboro. Also, if you have an extra copy on hands, I'd appreciate your sending me another of the nomenclature maps. Col. Chapman took the last one I had away from me Sunday. He complimented it very highly and wanted it for his office. The others you had sent I had already given to Avery, Hodge Mathes and interested fellows like that.

I'm always willing to admit the fact when I am proven wrong, so I'll have to take back some of the things I have said about the location of Mt. Guyot. Early in August Avery, Diehl and I went there for the purpose of nailing that mountain to the earth, and did it. The lay of the land in that section is as confusing as the devil, and it is no wonder that many of us, from Prof. Guyot himself on down to such lesser lights and you and I, have been puzzled about it. I am enclosing a little sketch showing just how the ridges meet, and where the different peaks really are. I'm wondering just what kind of a racket is going to be raised on the Tennessee side when the people of Cocke County find out that Mt. Guyot -- or at any rate the highest mountain in that section--- is in no part in their county. By the advice of Col. Chapman we are saying nothing about this publicly as yet, for it may be that this location will have some bearing on the condemnation suit of the Champion Lumber Co.

Also I'm enclosing a sketch map of a trail leading up to Guyot from Indian Camp Creek, of Cosby, made by D. R. Heeson, of Johnson City, that is very good, save that he has Guyot located at the junction of Smoky and the Pinnacle lead, just where so many of us have tried to place it all these years. As an illustration of how confusing that country is, he was accompanied by some natives of the Cosby country, and they agreed with him as to location.

(Kephart) Mason name (from Paul Fink; first page lost. 9/4/1930)

PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

Second section. Sept. 7th.

This letter was started three days ago, I was interrupted before finishing, and haven't had the chance of getting back to it since. Looks like I have been busy, doesn't it? There's no mistake about that, either.

Early in August I passed through Asheville and wanted to stop and see you, but didn't have the time. Only hesitated long enough to take on some gasoline, and couldn't hunt up a single one of my friends there. It is my hope to meet Cammerer and Albright at the Indian Fair, so I may see you down in that part of the country.

I suppose you saw the article in the N. Y. Times about the Collins-Kephart tangle, written by Mason. I'm awfully sorry this appeared, and have told Mason so. In fact, when I heard from others that he was writing it I tried to head him off, but failed. Please don't take the things he says as the general opinion of whatbthe people in Tennessee think, for this is not the case. If it were not for such things as this appearing in the papers the settling of this question, in a way that would be satisfactory to all, would not be at all difficult. While I can't control Mason as an individual, I have flatly refused to have our Nomenclature Committee take any official notice of the question, ruling that the name was bestowed before our body was named. That also leaves me with a free hand to work on the matter, to try to smooth things down. It certainly is a distressing situation.

Have you met the two Rangers sent down to Smoky by the National Park Service--- Needham and Hough? They stopped by here on their way down, and then I saw them at Gatlinburg later. I showed them a number of your pictures and they were properly impressed. You will find them the nicest kind of fellows when you meet them.

Sincerely,

Paul

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Jonesboro, Tenn.,
Sept. 16th, 1930.

Dear George,

Your letter came in this morning, with the maps, but I haven't had time to look them over yet. Something else is occasioning this letter, Here it is:

A short time back I suggested to Mr. Cammerer that when the Park Service start thier buildings they make them of hewn logs, not round one or with the bark on. This is the way the old time cabins are built, and I had thought to have the new ones of hewn logs would be more in keeping with the old-time atmosphere of the mountains. He agreed with me, and sent a notice of this to the Chief Engineer of the Park Service to that effect. Evidently this engineer doesn't know anything about that kind of cabin, for we wrote back to Cammerer asking for pictures, and Cammerer refers the inquiry on to me.

That brings up the reason for this letter to you. Do you have in your collection any pictures showing these cabins clearly, so that the engineer can get an idea of their appearance? If so, I'd greatly appreciate your sending me two or three, so that I can send them on. And remember, I want a bill to come with them, and also a bill for the work you have done for me in the past. If you don't I'm going to have to beat you up when I see you.

Sincerely,

Paul

(Kephart) Masa Asheville N.C.

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April 15, 1930

Asheville Photo Service,
12 Church St.,
Asheville, N. C.

Attention George Masa

Dear Sir:

Answering your favor of the 10th, we are very sorry if we have used photographs which we should not. We had permission from the Chamber of Commerce to use them. If you will advise us just what subjects you have in mind we can either hold out the few we have left on hand, or make some arrangements for a release if that is satisfactory to you.

We do not propose to make anything but post cards for your section this year, and as we are having numerous calls for cards we are anxious to publish them. Unless we have the photographs this week or next it will be impossible to get them ready in time for this season. We want perhaps a couple of dozen to reproduce as post cards, as stated to you in our conversation by phone and in our letter. Last year we did not have a wide enough assortment to publish as post cards.

We wish to cooperate in every way with you, and will do whatever you say in this matter. As there is very little in the cards for us, and really your section of the country will reap as much in publicity. Please advise us, then, your views, in particular about the scenes which we made last year, and we will gladly do what is right.

Yours very truly,

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CHICAGO,

Oct. 12th. 1930

拝啓、其後は御無沙汰いたしました。私は華府に一ケ月余滞在の予定を繰上げまして、去る十月の中頃シカゴに来てしまいました。実は水都の方が面白いと思いますが、始めから毎日の様に活動に行きます。印象のまとまるまでは、ニューヨークにいるよりもシカゴにいる方が多くなりそうです。

トーキーの英語がおしまいまでは解りませんが、ニュースリールやトピカルフィルムなどは殆んどわかります。

一週間ばかり前にはオスコンシン州のマヂソンへ行きオスコンシン大学訪問に出掛けました。女学生ばかりが男よりも多いと聞きました。

来週には此処を去り、ミシガン大学訪問のつもりです。アンナーバーに向け出発します。旅烏は賑かなものかと一寸考えます。

世話好きな人と思います。

行く先々に知人がいて歓待してくれますので、十月末迄には再び華府に戻り、十月末帰米の予定です。

私の知る皆様に御鞭撻の程願います。

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(Kephart?) Masa NCMC

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Gatlinburg, Tenn.,
October 22,1930.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville, N.C.

Dear George:

I investigated the boulder with Indian writings on Soak Creek flowing off the Pinnacled lead east of Mittman Center, but could find no resident of the Creek who had ever heard of such a stone.

Can you get any further details about this object?

I would like to get some of your pictures made on this last trip with the Director. If you could send some on approval I could select what I want, and return the rest.

With kind regards, I am,

sincerely yours,

Philip R. Hough.

Philip R. Hough,
Assistant Chief Ranger,
Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

CAROLINA

Box 506

Oct. 24, 1930.

Mr George Masa,
Asheville. N.C

My dear Mr Masa:

I have a postcard picture of an old water wheel without the building. It projects over a stream.

The part card is marked - published by the Asheville Post Card Co., Asheville N.C.

"An Old Water Wheel"

A-304

"In the heart of the Blue Ridge mountains"

5-3225.

The card was bought at High Hampton.

I think it would make a good picture.

Sincerely

Martha Norburn.

(Kephart:) Mass NCHC From M. Norburn

Chapel Hill N. C.
Oct. 31, 1930.

My dear Mr Mass:

I hope you have gotten entirely over your cold.

When you write me about the old map please let me know if you have any pictures showing the "verdant zone" at Tryon or where there are other thermal belts.

In the article which I have read on it the statement has been made that no pictures had been taken - The belt at Tryon is on the western slope of Tryon mountain about 500 feet above the valley - and is from 300 - 400 ft. wide. There is said to be a double thermal zone at

(Kephart) Mass NCMC Mass from Marburn

10/31/1930

CAROLINA

Franklin - The one on Ellijay creek in Macon County is said to be seen in these valleys. However, the Tryon is the best known.

Part of the paper brings in the thermal zone - I have a small picture of the grapes in a vineyard at Tryon, but no good ones.

Sincerely

Martha Marburn -

PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

November 23rd, 1930.

Dear George,

Some fine correspondent, am I not? Just wiite when the spirit moves me? Really, I have been having my hands so full of a number of other things that letter-writing has suffered greatly. If it is any consolation, remember that you are not the only person I have neglected recently.

I hope that by this time you have fully recovered from your recent illness. This has been entirely too pretty a Fall to have to be housed up, hasn't it? I don't believe I have ever seen the leaves as brilliantly colored. We tried to get a day off to run down to Gatlinburg and Newfound Gap, but failed to make it.

Since we had our long session at Bryson City in October I have been working somewhat on the Kephart-Collins matter, and believe tha t things are getting close to a solution. Avery took the matter up with the Geographic Board and then with Cammerer, with the result that we have prepared a resolution to be passed by the Nomenclature Committees of both States, then O. K.-ed by the two Park Commissions and passed on to the National Park Service, who will hand it to the Geographic Board.

I drew up this resolution -- I'll enclose a copy if I don't forget-- sent it to Kep, who said it would be satisfactory with him. Then last week it was passed on by our Committee. It is now being signed by each member of this, then I'll have Col. Chapman affix his O. K., and forward it to Verne Rhoades for action.

If this goes through the net result of the whole fuss will be, in addition to a better understanding of some things by people living on both sides of the line, that Kep's name will be affixed to a much grander mountain than before. There can be no comparison in spectacular beauty between the two spots. The Jump-off will win every time.

No doubt you have been seeing in the papers reports on the Champion Fiber suit at Sevierville. They are having their say first, and from what they tell the Park will cost more money that is in the U. S. Treasury. But from what Col. Chapman told me a few weeks ago there are two sides to the story. It's a grand lawsuit, anyway.

PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

Things have been interesting in a financial way in and around Asheville in the past week, haven't they? Tennessee has had a large dose of the same medicine, too. Fortunately there has been no uneasiness here in Jonesboro of which we have heard. It keeps us all under a severe strain, just the same. getting ready for anything that might happen. I believe that the next week will see the whole matter settle down somewhat, and then conditions will begin to improve.

Did you ever succeed in getting an Appalachian Trail Club organized in Asheville? Recently I have been trying to get in touch with people in Bristol who might be interested, but haven't found much encouragement so far. There should be a body there, to look after the section close to the Virginia-Tennessee State line. We think it will be possible to have the Forest Service put up the markers, but there should be local people interested to keep up the work.

You know we have argued about the location of Porter's Gap several times? Recently I have been measuring, studying, etc., and I fear I am going to have to let you have your way about it, and admit that the deep gap not far from Mt. Collins is not Porter's Gap. But if you are right, can you tell me why in the Sam Hill they put Porter's Gap up on top of the mountain, and also, what is the right name for that deep gap? I've never heard the natives refer to any other than Porter's Gap in that section.

The new Superintendent for the Smoky Park arrived in Knoxville yesterday. In a few days he will be over on your side of the line, in Verne Rhoades hands. I hope you get to meet him. I never have, but they tell me he is a fine fellow.

Sincerely,

Paul

(Report:) Masa NCMC

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November 26, 1930.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear Masa:

As you know our Trail Club is planning a two weeks camp at Gatlinburg next June in conjunction with the Trail Conference.

I am working on a preliminary announcement of the trip and in the section devoted to maps I want to refer to your map, which I believe you said you could supply at fifty cents each. Does this include cost of mailing? If not, can you set a price which would cover this item? I also want to refer to the Mt. LeConte map, which you have. What would be the price of that?

We are sending you within a week copy of our Bulletin No. 27, which will show considerable activity on the Appalachian Trail in southern Virginia. We have taken up with the Supervisor of the Unaka Forest the matter of marking the Trail through this forest. I am hoping that you and your friends will soon be able to get an organization in Asheville underway, with the thought of taking care of the territory between the southern end of the Unaka and the Smokies. I have asked Paul and Mr. S. L. Cole of Floyd, Virginia, to try to arrange a meeting with Supervisor Graham, so as to make sure that the Trail through the Unaka is properly routed.

With all of this activity in the south I am hoping that we can get an organization actively interested in the vacancy between the Unaka and the Smokies.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. Avery

Myron H. Avery,
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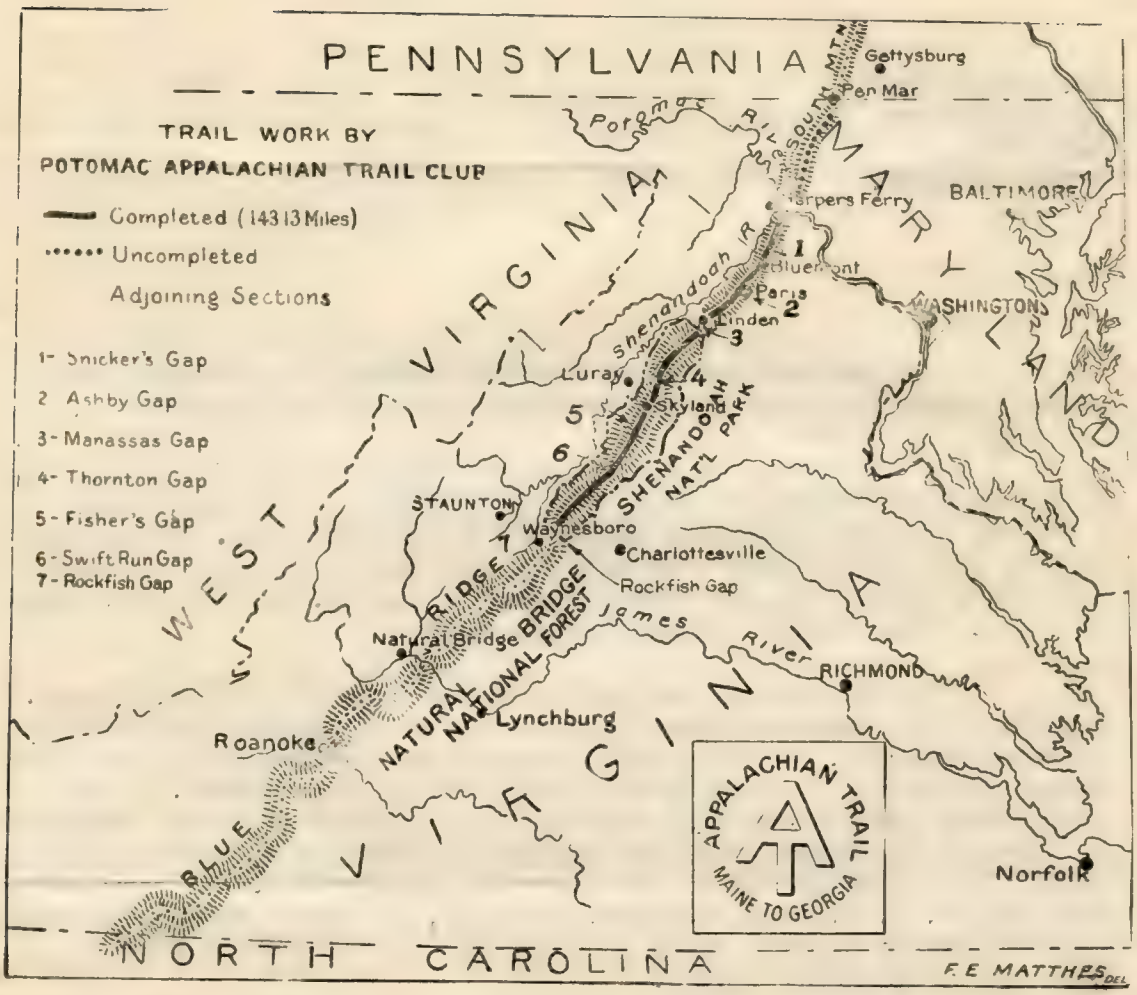
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December 3, 1930.

Dear Masa:

The enclosed letter is the result of your letter of December 1st.

I think that this is the opportune to find out about the Pisgah situation and we are sending A.T. literature to the Pisgah and Nanatahala Supervisors.

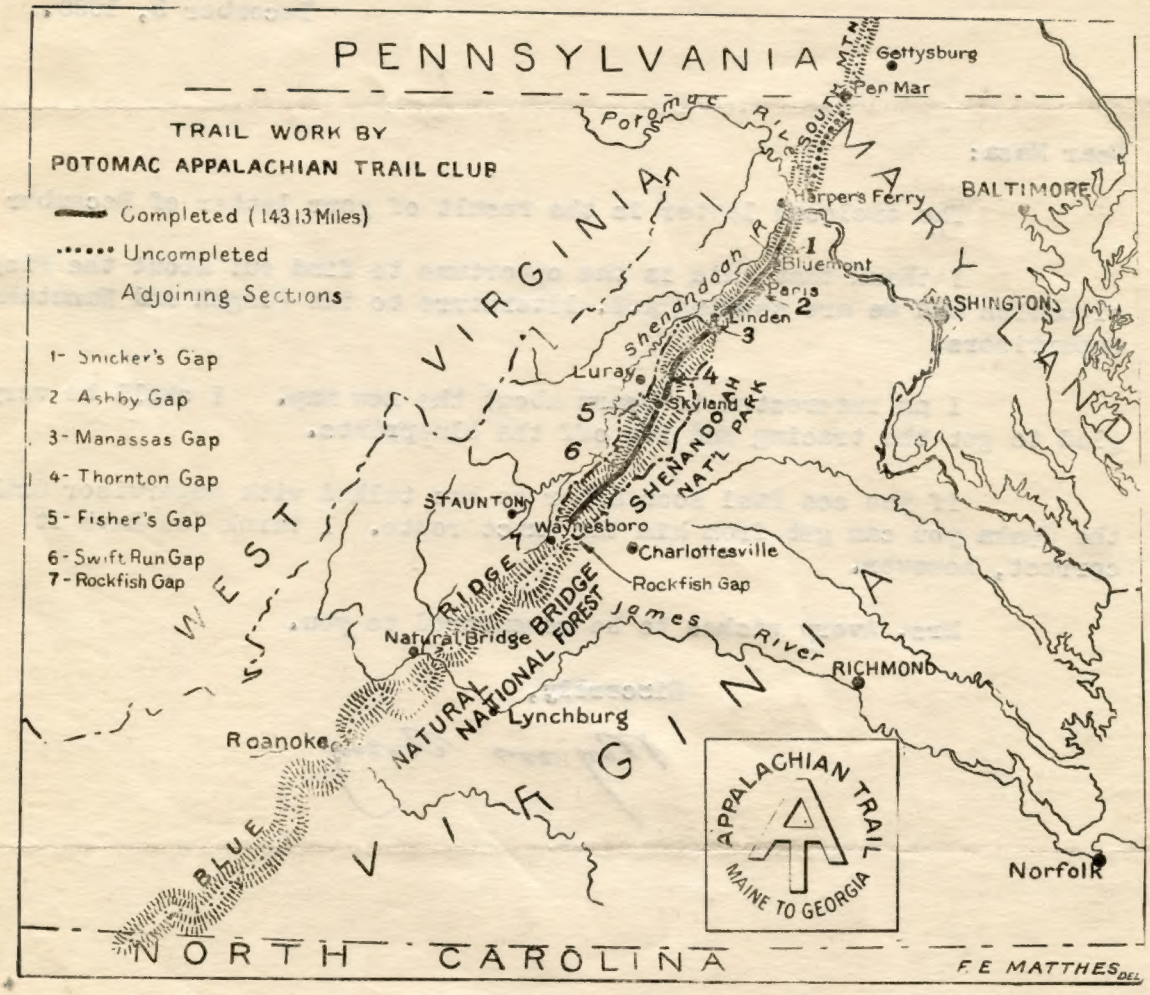
I am interested to learn about the new map. I shall be very glad to get the tracing and run off the blueprints.

If you see Paul soon after he has talked with Supervisor Graham in the Unaka you can get from him the exact route. I think you have it correct, however.

Mrs. Avery wishes to be remembered to you.

Sincerely,

Myron Avery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Mr. Paul M. Fink,
Jonesboro, Tenn.

Dear Paul;

In my recent letter to you, Dr. Jennison, Masa and The Georgia Appalachian Trail Club I have spoken of what I took to be the two remaining gaps in the A. T. system; Unaka to Smoky and Smoky to Georgia line. In view of the conference under way as a result of the plan of the Forest Service to mark the route through, the Unaka Forest, I thought it would be well to give some consideration to these gaps with the view of getting something underway, if possible before the A. T. Conference. The value of this is obvious. A completed chain of interested clubs and organsiations in the Southern Appalachians would greatly enhance the conference value.

A letter from Masa shows me that I have overlooked a very real bet between the Unakas and Smoky. He sent me a Pisgah Forest map to call my attention to that portion of Pisgah which comes in from Big Butte (south of the Nolechucky) to the French Broad. Masa writes that he expects an organization in Asheville will develop shortly and I presume that they would be interested in the territory between Unaka and the Big Pigeon. Undoubtly there are trails in Pisgah, which form the larger portion of this gap. I know that we can find markers for such trails in the Forest as can be used. I am writing Masa to ask him if he will get from the Supervisor a detailed account of what trails we can use there. Geroge says that he understands that the Smoky Club wishes the trail to come up Sharp Top from Waterville rather than follow up Big Creek as Roy did. This seems a minor change and puts the trail on the crest line sooner.

As I read the maps the Unaka abuts Pisgah at Big Butte or a little west. This would make a very easy connection.

As the notations re the copies indicate I have made, this a sort of circular letter as it is a matter in which all of us are interested and requires help from quite a few people. I was talking with the Forest Service and asked that a Pisgah, Unaka and Nantahala map be sent you-you may have a use for them in addition to your own copies.

Pisgah also seems to help into getting from the Little Tennessee into the Nantahala Forest. Masa writes that the supervisor Mr. Woods is quite enthusiastic over the A. T. If the route is sufficently established and connection assured at Georgia, we could supply him markers to start work. Or should we wait until the conference. Apparantly we shall have to lean heavily on the Supervisor of the Pisgah and Nantahala as well as Pisgah. I wish to ask for suggestions as to how proceed from all of you. This is a sort of Round Robin.

Sincerely,
M. H. Avery, U. SS

(Kephart?) Mss NCHC

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Dec 10, 1930

Dear George.

Here is a poor carbon of the letter I intended to send you. It is my only carbon and I shall have to ask you to return it to me.

I have had one letter from Roy returning some clippings. He seems to like his new job. The Georgia A T Conf scheduled a hike to his Refuge Saturday

Sincerely
my son.

(Kephart:) Masa Acme

Knoxville, Tennessee.
December 27, 1930.
P. O. Box 945.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Your photographs of the Great Smokies I am sure by this time need no introduction and I have seen many of them in the envied possession of others who were more fortunate than I and I recognize their very great merit. Mr. Paul Fink of Jonesboro had some taken from the Dry Sluice Gap section of the effects of the great cloudburst which I thought had excellent sky effects and I have always wanted a few of others also.

I am at present engaged in aiding NATURE MAGAZINE of Washington to get out a creditable North Carolina number of that fine publication and I suggested to Mr. Paul F. Hannah, Asst. Editor, that your photographs possessed good quality and meritorious beauty so I am asking as a special favor that you mail to him a number of your best ones to him for selection for the special issue of NATURE soon to be published.

If you have any of wild life in the Smokies or environs, birds, deer, bear, etc. I would like to have these included. Send them to Nature Magazine, Care Paul F. Hannah, 1214 16th. St. N. W. Washington, D. C. at your earliest convenience mentioning my request so that he may make a selection at an early date. What pictures he uses of course will be paid for at their regular rates or at your commercial rates and due credit for copyright and authorship will be published if requested.

At some near date I hope to purchase from you a portfolio of representative photographs of the Great Smokies if you will allow me that privilege, for my own personal use and delectation. When I come to Asheville I would like to call on you and pay my respects and meet you.

Kindly attend to the above matter at your earliest convenience and I am sure that it will be appreciated by the editors of NATURE as they are very anxious to obtain pictures at once.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Robert Lindsay Mason